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SUBJECT

: Request for Permission to Pass Intelligence Studies [REDACTED]

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1. The Office of Research and Reports has no objection to the release of the publications listed below [REDACTED] providing the revisions and deletions indicated below are made;

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CIA/RR GK 55, The Burma-China Border

- Remove brown covers;
- Delete all on title page except title and classification;
- Add date of report to title page;
- Delete listings of Appendices C and D from page iii;
- Delete sentences 3 through 5 (lines 5-11), page 1;
- Delete words "a strong though benign" in lines 12-13, page 7;
- Delete "newly born, weak" in line 17, page 7;
- Delete footnote page 8;
- Delete paragraph beginning on page 66 and ending on page 67 "Developments since 1952 . . . vulnerable border area";
- Delete first footnote, page 67;
- Delete paragraph on page 68, "Union Government policies . . . in the Kachin State";
- Delete second footnote page 76;
- Delete sentence on page 87, "Although it was known . . . influence in the Area. ";
- Delete sentence page 94, "Since Burma became . . . British as lessee. ";
- Delete "(the majority of its inhabitants being Chinese)", line 16, page 94;
- Delete entire page 95 except first sentence in second paragraph;
- Combine first paragraph on page 96 with the single sentence remaining on page 95;
- Delete sentence on page 97, "The question of . . ." and the remainder of this paragraph;
- Delete paragraph beginning on page 102 and ending on page 103, "During the first year . . . locally produced goods. ";
- Delete sentence on page 105, "The Burmese Government . . . these border forays. ";
- Delete paragraph beginning on page 105 and ending on page 106, "A potential threat to . . . forces is well established. ";
- Delete paragraph beginning on page 109 and ending on page 110, "Despite the somewhat . . . Burmese-minority relationships. ";
- Delete "CIA" from map 13127, following page 118;
- Delete pages 115 through 118.

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Deletions are indicated and discussed by the major headings of the memorandum.

- There are no suggested deletions in the General section;
- The first paragraph of the Kashmir-Sinkiang-Tibet Sector can stand. In the second paragraph, the three sentences beginning with "At a still earlier date (1899) . . ." and ending with ". . . border along the Kunluns." should be deleted. The information in these three sentences is based upon secondary sources; the note of 1899 cannot be found; and the explanation of the British basis for drawing the boundary along the Kunluns is somewhat conjectural, since no official statement by the British Government is available to back up this assumption;
- In the same section, second paragraph, the two sentences near the end of the paragraph beginning with "For the location of the border . . ." and ending with ". . . nearly meaningless for boundary marking." should also be deleted;
- In the section entitled Aksai Chin Area, the first two paragraphs need no cutting. The third paragraph probably should be deleted. Although Nehru made the statements attributed to him, the Indian position on the Aksai Chin has hardened since that time. To mention Nehru's earlier position might be unnecessarily irritating;
- In the section discussing the Pangong Tso and Spanggur Tso Area, it is felt that paragraph one is good as it stands. In the second paragraph, the sentence reading "From the standpoint of terrain, the Chinese version . . . Pangong Tso -- appears sound" should be deleted. Delete "however" in the following sentence. Additionally, the last sentence beginning with "In the case of Spanggur Tso . . ." should be omitted.
- In the section on the Southwestern Tibet-India Sector, the clause "(since parts of the frontier . . . prior to the seventeenth century)", in the second sentence, first paragraph, should be deleted;
- The two paragraphs dealing with the Nilang and Bara Hoti areas can stand;
- The first two paragraphs of the Assam-Tibet Sector can stand as written. In the first sentence of the third paragraph, delete the opening clause "With the possible exception of the Towang area, ". In the same sentence insert the word, "effective" between the words "no" and "administration" so that it reads, "No territory appears to have had no effective administration in times past."
- In the section Related Border Problems, the first paragraph needs no alteration. Since the second paragraph is concerned with Hunza, it should be deleted. If it is felt desirable to have this paragraph included, however, then some changes would need to be made including recomputations of areas in dispute using Survey of India maps;

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CIA/RR GM 59-3, The China-India Border Dispute (continued)

The last section headed Prospects for Future Settlement should be deleted;

There is no objection to release of the map. Individual copies of the map (apart from the text) are available at the CIA Map Library under the map call number 28417;

Although most of the information in this sanitized version is basic and without significant time relevance, some current developments are discussed. To remove the possibilities of questions as to why the more recent exchanges between the Governments of India and Communist China are not included, the sanitized version should carry a date of around 15 November 1959;

In the section "Notes on Disputed Areas" the paragraph Hunan is to be deleted;

The classification of the sanitized text will be **CONFIDENTIAL**;
The classification of the map to be forwarded separately is to remain **CONFIDENTIAL**.

2. It should be noted, in transmitting GR-53, that this study was prepared in 1954. It has not been updated and therefore does not reflect events and developments of the past 6 years.

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